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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed May 20, 2004, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

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This petition lacks item (1) above. The petition does not include the appropriate statement of unintentionally delay or any language that could be construed as such.

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